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FOR MEMBERS OF THE
ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB
MILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

SUMMER BEGINS

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Gloria Pennycook
President

Your PROBUS Club Needs You!

I hope everyone is enjoying the wonders of spring. The lilacs are in bloom with the peonies not far behind. This time of the year always feels like renewal to me. As Cliff discussed at our last meeting, we are in the process of renewing our Management Team with four positions open in September. If you have any interest in becoming a member of this fun, dynamic team, please let Cliff know.

Probus is about meeting new friends, learning something new and having fun. I encourage you to introduce yourself to at least 2 people at every meeting and change where you sit at the meetings. Of course, the best way to meet new people is to join into the activities and social clubs. Try something new ... you never know if you will like it unless you try!

Corrections

The following events had erroneous dates published in last month's FORUM. The correct dates are:

PROBUS General Meeting and Lunch Bunch: *Wed June 15*



Our newest Members. L to R: Harold Grace, Lynda Johnson, Jane Schiller, Pat Vogt.

Wow! We'll Be Over 200 this Month

By Ron Du Pont - Membership Chair

We now have 197 members and are still welcoming new members every month. There are five new applications currently in process so we will be over 200 in June!

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Our June Speaker



Elaine Charal - Handwriting Expert

Elaine is not only a certified graphologist but also an exceptional keynote speaker, a seasoned entertainer and an accomplished comedienne. Her "Power of the Pen" is guaranteed to have everyone laughing while they discover how to communicate even more effectively with associates and friends through knowing what the strokes of handwriting mean. Everyone will also learn about their own strengths as reflected in their handwriting.

Our July Speaker

There will not be a speaker in July as there will be **NO** regular monthly general meeting in July.

Our August Speaker

Francis Murphy - Genealogy

Somewhere in France a Pleasant, Light Read

By Gretchen Greene O'Brien - Correspondent

The choice of Book for May 2016 was "Somewhere in France" by Jennifer Robson. IT WAS A PLEASANT, LIGHT READ! In spite of the grotesque descriptions



of staffing a front line hospital overflowing with the carnage of WW1 battle-injured men, this book was predominantly a love story between a privileged young lady who wished to serve her country (as an ambulance driver) and a skilful surgeon from a humble background. That they managed to survive the war and look forward to a life together, was a miracle.

Most of us found the book a quick read – and would recommend it to people who wanted a "light read".

Our June book is "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. The hostess will be Barbara Alderson – at the home of Judy Nelson.



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A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night, and in between he does what he wants to do

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. ~ Bob Dylan,

Management Positions for 2016-2017

By Cliff Read - Past President

As mentioned at our last meeting we have come to the point in the year when we start recruiting enthusiastic individuals to fill positions on the Management Team for the upcoming PROBUS year. Please note that this is a two year commitment.

Our goal to is to have regular turnover on the Management Team ensuring our club is open to renewal and new ideas. As well as responsibilities for specific portfolios all members of Management meet once a month to prepare for our monthly meetings. The team works closely together and no one individual should feel overburdened.

Highlights of responsibilities for the positions that need to be filled this year are:

Vice President

- Participate in executive discussions and bring forward subjects for consideration that will help to improve the Club
- Actively understudy for the President's position and conduct meetings in the President's absence
- Only this portfolio is a three year commitment – Vice President, President, Past President

Program Chair

- Arrange for speakers (referred by club members and own devices) for monthly meetings
- Arrange for travelogues and mini bios of current club members

Social Chair

- Provide overall coordination/leadership and act as the primary contact for the many 'fixed' social aspects of the club
- Coordinate and arrange the Christmas luncheon, the annual picnic and the AGM dinner

Secretary

- Take minutes of the mgmnt committee meetings

- Take minutes of the Annual General Meeting

If you are thinking that you would like to become more actively involved in the day to day running of our club please do not hesitate to contact me at cliff.read@cogeco.ca and I will readily provide more details.



Let Loose with Line Dancing

By Sandy Cannell - Activities Chair

Let loose and take a 1½ hour **Line Dancing lesson** for only \$10.00 on Monday June 20, 2:00 -3:30 pm. Held at the Bronte Legion at Lakeshore and Jones in Oakville. There is still time to sign up at the June meeting.

Dinner Dance - July 10 - Dining and Dancing at the Black Forest Inn Conestoga. See AD on next page.

A Hole-in-One Comedy, "**The Ladies Foursome**" at St. Jacobs Country Playhouse on Thursday August 11 at 2:00pm, \$41 per person. Make it a day's outing! Please see the AD on page 12.

Don't miss out, sign up for your tickets at the June meeting.



Anna explaining activities to new member Pat Vogt

Cheque us out!

Please remember to bring your cheque book to all the Probus meetings if you would like to sign-up for any of the activities.

Thank you

New Game Groups Started

By Anna Strachan - Social Chair

— THE SOCIAL SCENE —

Just a friendly reminder; the last date to sign-up for the annual picnic is at June 15th meeting so please remember to bring your cheque books. The Picnic will be held at Lowville Park, Guelph Line south of Derry Rd, 20th July at 11:30am, the cost is \$17 per person. The meal will be served at Noon and will be catered by Troy's Diner of Milton. There is a choice of Hamburger, Veggie Burger, Sausage or Chicken, accompanied by Salad, Cold Drinks and Dessert. We shall have games to keep you entertained and prizes for the lucky winners.

This year the Management Team has decided not to hold a meeting prior to the picnic so those attending the picnic should go straight to the park.

I'd like to thank Stephen Comstock for giving us an update on the newly formed Board Game Club which will meet at Grace Anglican Church, the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM.

Lorrette Shermet has started a Canasta Club. This will be held at Lorrette's home 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm so if you are interested in Board Games or Canasta please visit my table sign up to join these groups/clubs.

My thanks also to Christy Babcock for keeping us up to date on the Zoomer Bloomer's upcoming events, there is always something interesting in the Garden Club.

I'd like to encourage you to keep Friday 16th September open as the Management Team would like you all to join us in celebration of the Escarpment Probus 3rd Anniversary with a Dinner/Dance to be held at the Grand Chalet, Steeles Ave., Milton on 16th September 2016. More information to follow closer to the date. There will only be two opportunities to sign-up for the Dinner/Dance. I will bring Sign-up sheets to the June and August meetings but since the picnic is in July there will no sign-up sheets available that day.

In case you are wondering, the cheques you write for the Picnic will not be cashed until after the picnic, this is also true of the Anniversary Dinner/Dance.

As I write this it is a lovely warm day, the sun is shining, couldn't wish for a better day. So here's wishing everyone a great summer, see you at the meeting in June.

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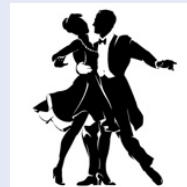
A man can be short and dumpy and getting bald but if he has fire, women will like him.

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~ Mae West

Dining and Dancing

At the BLACK FOREST INN CONESTOGA
East of Kitchener - 45 minutes from Milton
Sunday, July 10

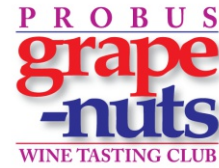


Hot and Cold Buffet and music from 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Sit back and enjoy the live music of Bogdan Frank on piano or take to the dance floor to work off those calories.

\$29.00 per person includes taxes and gratuity. Drinks are extra.

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

By Rosiland Jordan - Correspondent



Click the blue links for more info on these topics

It was the 5th of May when Alan and I hosted the GrapeNuts wine tasting, and of course, that meant it was Cinco de Mayo, the day Mexicans commemorate the [Mexican Army's](#) unlikely victory over French forces at the [Battle of Puebla](#) on May 5, 1862.

So we decided to celebrate by sourcing wine from Spanish speaking countries, since Mexico does not really produce wine.

We did find some Spanish cheeses, a Manchego, an Iberico which are both made from sheep's milk, together with a hard cheese, Mahon de Menorca, from cow's milk.

The best of the white wines was a crisp, fresh and a light summer sipping wine, a Rene Barbier from Spain and at a reasonable price of \$9.95. This was given an average score of 13.17. The LCBO suggestion is to serve chilled with seafood or pasta. This was a personal favourite of mine.



The best red and overall favourite was a Pata Negra Reserva, Spanish Rioja at \$17 a bottle. Although this might be considered on the pricey side, the LCBO described this wine as refined, elegant, quality cedar, crisp acidity, fresh and beautifully made. To my limited palate it is a rich red and has rich fruity tasting undertones. It was given a resounding 16.8 average by us all.

We finished the evening with a taster of Licor 43, which is a popular Spanish liqueur. This was recommended to us by my cousin who lives in Spain. It is only seasonally available from the LCBO at the cost of \$30.90. We purchased it around Christmastime. It is made from 43 different, closely guarded ingredients; some of the flavours are vanilla, citrus, chocolate, marshmallow, blossoms, herbs and spices. It certainly is a delicious way to end the evening.

The Illegal a Good Read

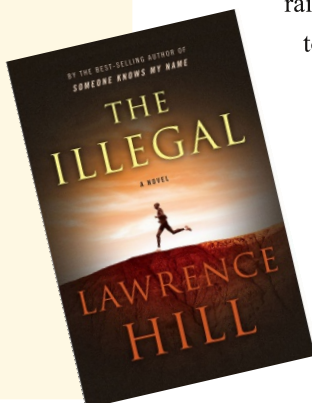
By Avril O'Reilly - Correspondent



Seven members of the Trilogy Book Club met on Thursday, May 10, to discuss *The Illegal* by Lawrence Hill. The book was well received by the members and raised questions about the many issues we face in our world today. Refugees, illegals, the dispossessed, corruption, the rich vs the poor.

The main character, Keita Ali, a refugee, is forced to leave his corrupt homeland and live as an illegal in another country. He lives without an ID in a subculture of illegals. He is forced to run marathons to earn money in order to rescue his imprisoned sister whose life is threatened. He fears being identified and arrested and sent back home.

The book was a good read.



A Dramatic Tale

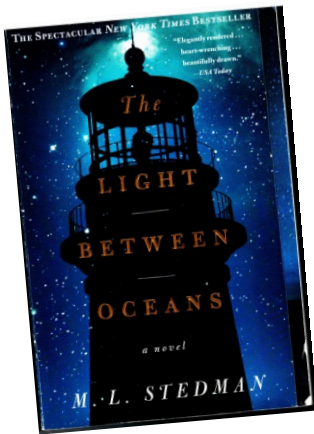
By Diane Armand - Correspondent

This month's book selection was M.L Stedman's novel "*A Light Between Oceans.*" The story begins as a post WW1 account of a decorated soldier's efforts to settle down in Australia in 1918.



Tom Sherbourne is desperate to escape the horrific memories of the war and accepts a posting as a lighthouse keeper on a remote island off the south-west coast of Australia.

Before leaving shore, he meets the Headmaster's daughter, Isabel, and within two years, they marry and set off for an idyllic life on Janus Rock.



Their joy turns to sadness after 3 miscarriages. A dinghy washes up on the rocks carrying a young man, dead on arrival, and a baby, still alive. They assume the mother has drowned.

Isabel interprets this as a gift from God and convinces Tom to keep the child.

When they return to the mainland two years later, they are faced with a heart wrenching moral dilemma. The child's mother, Hannah, is alive and still hoping to find her lost child.

The tale unfolds in a dramatic fashion, drawing the readers into an emotional roller coaster and a cliffhanging ending.

Our group gave a 9+ rating for the author's writing skills and for the compelling and believable characters she brings to life as they foster our empathy throughout the events that unfold.

Highly recommended reading. A movie version is due out in September.

“
Success isn't a result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire.

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~ Arnold H. Glasgow



Our May Greeters...

Richard and Diane Armand



*And our May winner is
Wendy Stringer
with \$142.00*

Brandies at the Happy Hooker's

By Michael Hooker - Correspondent

Though we (The D'Stillers) are normally dedicated to whiskeys of various types (often of Scottish attribution), we are prepared to venture into the territories of other types of spirituous liquors on occasion!



So on 4th May a group of adventurous D'Stillers headed for Michael Hooker's to sample some interesting brandies - from Spain and France.



Spanish brandies from Jerez, distilled from the Airen grape, are aged in old Sherry casks, using the same Solera system as for Sherry, with different vintages blended together year after year. The resulting brandy is generally richer and sweeter than French brandies, and the best can be good value compared to leading cognacs.

We tried two of the best: Cardenal Mendoza and 1866 Brandy Gran Reserva. For several D'Stillers, these were a revelation - raised eyebrows and lip-smacking surprise and appreciation!

Then we headed into France, to the Cognac Region, to taste two good examples of their brandies: Camus VSOP Elegence and D'usse Cognac VSOP ("VSOP" stands for "Very Superior Old Pale"). Both really enjoyable, but certainly different from the Spanish brandies - dryer, not as heavy.

Finally, to return us to our Scottish roots, we finished up with a small taste of Aberlour A'Bunadh (Gaelic for "of the origin"), a Highland Single Malt - just a sip, as this stuff is potent - 60% alcohol! Wow! Liquid fire! Then after coffee and cake, the Designated Drivers carted everybody back home.

Cards, Cards & More Cards

By Lorrette Shermet - Convenor

In May, fifteen euchre enthusiasts played euchre at Ray and Shirley Mathews' home. Three of the fifteen were first timers - the euchre group is growing. The big winner was a first timer to the group, Pat Vogt. We had a great time and a big "thank you" to Shirley and Ray for hosting such a large crowd.

The next euchre is scheduled for June 21st at 1 pm at Rejeanne Petroff's home.

Bid euchre will be played at Grace Church on June 9th at 1:30 pm
We are still willing to teach if you are willing to learn.

Canasta anyone? Starting the 4th Tuesday in June and every 4th Tuesday after that Canasta will be played at the Shermet's residence starting at 7 pm Eight people signed up at the last meeting but we are still open for members. If you would like to join just contact Lorrette Shermet.



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Let us remember:
One book, one
pen, one child,
and one teacher
can change the
world.

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~ Malala
Yousafzai

May "Bare Bones" Tasting Summary

By Michael Hooker - Convenor

There were only two tastings this month, both were well-attended.

Anna and Chris Strachan

Theme: Ontario Blended wines.

Best of the evening: Red House Cabernet / Shiraz. LCBO #219030. Price: \$12.95.

Score: 15.8.

This was the second-cheapest wine of the evening!



Rosalind and Alan Jordan

Theme: Wines from Spanish-speaking countries (to celebrate Mexico's Cinco de Mayo).

Best wine was: Pata Negra Reserva - Tempranilla Blend, from Spain (Rioja)

LCBO #443804. Price: \$17.00. Score: 16.8. (Not the most expensive, but the clear favorite!)

Our June hosts will be:

Thursday 2nd June: Norma and Martin Capper; Joanne and Ron Millichamp

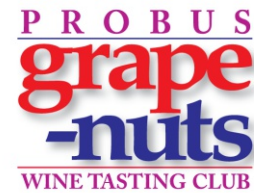
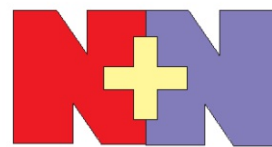
Monday 6th June: Ellen and Paul Crawford



Like a High School Dance

By Julie Flynn - Correspondent

On May 6, twenty Noshers gathered at the home of Michelle and Jim Tschirhart. As you see from the photos, it had the air of a high school dance; the women stayed inside, while the men sought safety with each other in the back yard! Once the food appeared (and the weather had cooled off), they braved the women to join us inside. As always, a good time was had by all.



“

We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know.

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~ W. H. Auden

Romantic Comedy & Animation

By Robyn Balfour - Convenor

Oscar Night's Members choose two shows, so we split into two groups. *Mother's Day* was full of good humour and a good laugh was had by all. Those members who saw *Jungle Book* were captivated by the animation and this wonderful story that goes on through the ages.



Our regular pub, Live Bait Ale House is now permanently closed, which was a surprise to us all. We moved our social time and pub cheer over to Turtle Jack's.

We look forward to meeting new Oscar Nights Members and seeing you all again at the Milton Cineplex Theaters on the second Tuesday evening in June.

Mother's Day Synopsis:

Directed by Garry Marshall, MOTHER'S DAY is a romantic comedy that follows intertwining stories about the lives of several mothers as the holiday approaches. The film features an all-star cast including Julia Roberts, Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson, and Jason Sudeikis.

The Jungle Book Synopsis:

Directed by Jon Favreau. Based on Rudyard Kipling's timeless stories and inspired by Disney's classic animated film, "The Jungle Book" is an all-new live-action epic adventure about Mowgli (newcomer Neel Sethi), a man-cub who's been raised by a family of wolves. But Mowgli finds he is no longer welcome in the jungle when fearsome tiger Shere Khan, who bears the scars of Man, promises to eliminate what he sees as a threat. Urged to abandon the only home he's ever known, Mowgli embarks on a captivating journey of self-discovery, guided by panther-turned-stern mentor Bagheera, and the free-spirited bear Baloo.



“ People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.

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~ Isaac Asimov

New Jokers

By Auriel Halliday - Convenor

Our newly formed Joker Club had its first game afternoon on May 12th., at Martin Capper's house. Some of us are still learning how to play the game and we certainly all had a fun afternoon. Lorrette hosted Joker on May 25th, had two tables of eight players, all still learning the rules. Starting in June we will be getting more serious and will be keeping scores of each game winner. Later in the year we will have a big get-together and crown our Joker Champion. The group has now over 20 members, with more names wishing to join us in September ... it seems that golf takes up a lot of the summer play time.



Anyone interested in joining our group can contact me at 905-336-2430, or email aurielh@gmail.com.

A Devine Lunch this Month

By Catherine Parr - Convenor

Ned Devine's

Roof Top Patio

575 Ontario Street South, Milton

Menu: www.neddevines.ca/

Wednesday Special: Irish Pints \$5.99



The Roof Top Patio at Ned Devine's has been booked for our lunch to follow our June meeting. Two things to note before heading up the stairs to the roof top: 1. Access is by stairs only. 2. There are no bathrooms on the roof top so think twice before having a second pint!

Last Month's Lunch at the Scratch Bistro and Bake Shop



Attended the Oakville Quilt Show

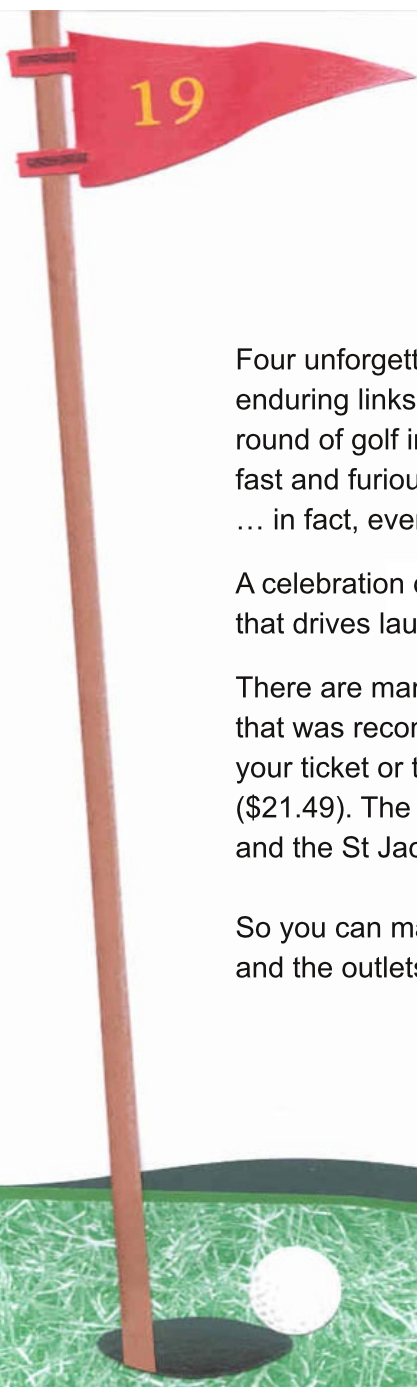
By Diane Comstock - Convenor

On April 29, three members attended the Oakville Quilt show. We had a lovely time admiring the various quilts that Oakville members created and came home with several ideas for new quilts of our own. My favourite was entitled Selvage Sunflowers.



At our May meeting, Judy and Diane discussed paper piecing and various different block patterns. We postponed the paper piecing demo to the next meeting in June, when more members could attend. Suggested demos for future meetings are Bindings, Prairie Points, Hand Quilting, Specialty Rulers, Free Motion Quilting, and Applique.





The Ladies Foursome

A Hole-in-One Comedy
Thursday August 11 at 2:00pm
St. Jacobs Country Playhouse

Four unforgettable women traverse the bunkers of startling confessions and the enduring links of sisterhood when they gather on the fairway of life to play a round of golf in honour of their recently deceased playing partner. The laughs are fast and furious as the ladies tee off on life, love, men, sex, children, and careers ... in fact, everything but golf!

A celebration of friendships tested and friendships found, this is one round of golf that drives laughs for women and men alike.

There are many restaurants in the area, Crossroads Family Restaurant was one that was recommended and is about a 10-12 minute drive away. If you present your ticket or ticket stub you get \$2 off the lunch buffet (\$14.99) or dinner buffet (\$21.49). The St Jacobs Farmers is open every Thursday from 7am to 3:30 pm and the St Jacob's Outlets are open 9:30 am to 9:00pm.

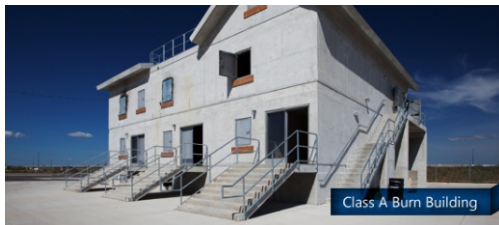
So you can make a whole day of it, the theatre, shopping at the farmers market and the outlets and lunch or dinner out.



Probian's Watch Fire Fighters Demolish a Car

By Peter Lasota - Forum Editor

Tuesday May the 24th was a beautiful hot sunny day for the 16 Probian's who attended the tour of the The Garry W. Morden Centre. The centre is home to the Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services Training and Mechanical Divisions, City of Mississauga Information Technology Training, the Toronto Scottish Army Reserve Company and the Peel Regional Police. It is a huge complex of many acres located on the Ninth Line just below Steeles in Mississauga.

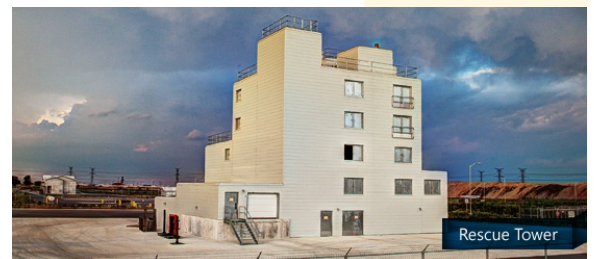


We began our tour in a training room where we were briefed on the concept of **Prevention, Detection and Escape**. We especially learned a lot about Smoke Detectors. Important take home ideas included: always unplug small appliances that create heat (eg: toasters, kettles); don't overload receptacles; don't leave the stove

unattended while cooking. These are leading causes of fire. We also learned that the small fire extinguishers are only good for about 3 seconds, so we should have a minimum of a 5 pound extinguisher. This extinguisher should be handily located so that you are not searching for it at the back of the cupboard under the sink while your stove-top is on fire.

Next up was a grand tour of the grounds. We piled into two vans and went sightseeing. We went by the Rescue Tower where training is conducted with artificial smoke only. The fire fighters actually rappel down the sides of this building. The internal walls are moveable to keep the fire-fighters on their toes. Then to the Burn Building - real fires are used for training here. There were large piles of wooden pallets and bales of hay in the back for this purpose. Again, the walls in the building are moveable to reconfigure the building into either a set of town-houses or a mansion. We also went by a large pond which is used for water rescue practice. The grounds also had a tanker car on rails and a tractor trailer set up for training scenarios.

For our last stop on the tour, we got to watch a group of new trainees being instructed in the art of extracting a passenger from a car. Extraction is easier and safer from the rear, so they covered the passenger with a blanket and smashed all the rear windows. The Jaws of Life and Hydraulic shears were used to remove the rear door and the pillar it was attached to, before pulling out the passenger onto a rescue board.



This session ended with two group photo-ops: one of us and the fire fighters and another of our ladies with the sole female fire fighter trainee. This was a thoroughly entertaining and educational day for all of us.

For more information on fire safety, please go to the Fire and Emergency Services website.

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/fire>

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I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade... And try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka, and have a party.

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~ Ron White

Fire Fighters Tour



Trainees extracting a victim with the Jaws of Life



Our group with the trainees and instructors



Our ladies with the female trainee

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Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

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~ Margaret Mead

Greeting Cards

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or moving out of the area and not re-joining our club, please advise Lorrette Shermet at: lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293.



Whistling Gardens Instead of Dixie

By Christy Babcock - Convenor



On Wednesday, May 25th nineteen ladies and one man boarded our bus and travelled to Whistling Gardens in Wilsonville (not too far from Brantford) to visit one of Canada's privately run Botanical Gardens. Although the gardens are beautiful the highlight was the tour given by the owner Darren Heimbecker, the man with a vision and exceptional knowledge about varieties of conifers and other plant material.



Whistling Gardens was purchased as a farm; Darren's wife liked the house and he had the space to design (approximately 20 acres). In 2010 he started creating the gardens; prior to that he was propagating plants that he could incorporate into his designs. He modelled the amphitheatre and fountains after the Palace of Versailles and wrote the music that the fountains "dance" to. Darren demonstrated how to propagate, prune and

candle evergreens. We were amazed by the number of varieties and foliage colours. Although Mother Nature hasn't cooperated with our cold spring some Peonies were out as well as some Iris and we learned the differences between common, tree and Itoh peonies that don't require cages or staking and will be in bloom for a month.

After leaving the garden we had an enjoyable lunch at a nearby restaurant, Boston Commons.





Noshing Al Fresco

By Ellen & Paul Crawford - Convenors

Twenty five Noshers enjoyed a delightful evening at the home of Marilyn and Ron Armstrong. The weather was beautiful allowing dining al fresco.



Conversations arose from our May speaker on driving. Who knew that putting on the hand brake was so important or that you need to look in 8 directions to be completely safe when driving. Failure to do these could result in the loss of your driver's licence.



The Pin Seekers are Tough!

By Gloria Pennycook

Golf is such a fun and challenging game! We started out with beautiful weather and a quiet course - that's the ultimate in golf! Then we noticed dark clouds on the horizon - we ignored them. The dark clouds became thunder and eventually pouring rain. We toughed it out for several more holes until the the horn was blown to tell us "get inside, it's not safe out there!". Crazy? Yes! Our game ended with a lovely lunch and good conversation. All is well that end's well.



The wet PinSeekers ... notice the smiles!

Escarpment PROBUS Club - Calendar of Events

EVENT	DAY OF MONTH	MEET AT	CONVENOR
JUNE 2016			
Management Meeting	8 June - 7 pm	Flynn Home	Gloria Pennycook
Escarpment PROBUS	15 June - 9:30 am	Milton Sport Center	Gloria Pennycook
Lunch Bunch	15 June - 12 pm	Ned Devine's Roof Top Patio 575 Ontario Street South, Milton	Catherine Parr
Line Dancing	20 June - 2 pm to 3:30 pm	Bronte Legion at Lakeshore & Jones in Oakville	Sandy Cannell
Track & Nordic Pole Walkers	Mondays & Fridays - 11:00am	Milton Sports Centre	Liz Read
Trail Walkers	Tuesdays - 1:30pm	Various	Pat & Ron Flannagan
Golf Club-Probos Pin Seekers	Every 2nd Thursday. Time varies.	Granite Ridge	Ron Millichamp
Wine Tasting - Grapenuts	1st Monday & Thurs. - 7:00pm	Thursday: Capper Home	Michael Hooker
Piece Makers - Quilting Club	1st Monday	Comstock Home *	Diane Comstock
Bridge Club	1st Tuesday	TBD	Elinore Shannon
Whisky Club - The D'stillers	1st Wednesday - 7:00pm	Capper Home	Chris Strachan
Nosh+Natter	1st Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	TBD	John and Julie Flynn
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Monday - 1 to 3 pm	Mcllwaine Home	Paul Crawford
Card Sharp Cribbage Club	2nd Monday - 7:00pm	Capper Home *	Martin Capper
Oscar Nights - Movie Club	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm	Milton Cineplex Cinemas	Robyn Balfour
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wednesday - 10:00am	B. Alderson @ Nelson Home	Judy Nelson
Board Games	2nd Wednesday - 1:30pm	Grace Anglican Church*	Stephen Comstock
Joker Club	2nd Thursday - 1:00 pm	TBD	Auriel Halliday
Bid Euchre	2nd Thursday - 1:30 pm	Grace Anglican Church	Lorrette Shermet
Euchre	3rd Tuesday - 1:00 pm	Petroff Home	Lorrette Shermet
Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wednesday	Milton Sports Centre	Ellen Crawford
Book Club - Trilogy	3rd Friday - 1 to 3 pm	TBD	Linda Green
Canasta	4th Tuesday - 7 pm	Shermet Home *	Lorrette Shermet
Zoomer Bloomers	4th Wednesday - 1:00pm	Various	Chrisy Babcock
Inklings - Writing Club	Suspended pending more members	Grace Anglican Church*	Gillian Reynolds
Nosh@Nite	4th Friday - 5:30-8:30pm	Finnie Home	Paul & Ellen Crawford
JULY 2016			
Dinner/Dance	10 July 4 to 8 pm	Black Forest Inn - Conestoga	Ann Du Pont
Management Meeting	13 July - 7 pm	TBD	Gloria Pennycook
Picnic	20 July 11:30 am	Lowville Park	Anna Strachan
Note: There will be no General Meeting and no Lunch Bunch this month			
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